B20 Collective Action Hub

The B20 Collective Action Hub is a resource and knowledge centre on anti-corruption Collective Action. It offers tools and a forum for businesses to take concrete steps to jointly step up against corruption and strengthen good business practice for the benefit of all.

The Basel Institute on Governance has operated the B20 Hub since 2013, following a mandate from the B20 group of business leaders to develop and maintain the resource in partnership with the UN Global Compact.

It now contains a database of 260+ Collective Action initiatives around the world, academic publications, videos, plus analysis and practical tools on effective forms of Collective Action against corruption.

The B20 Collective Action Hub is supported by the Siemens Integrity Initiative.

Current themes

High Level Reporting Mechanism

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Representatives of business, government and civil society collaborate in tailoring the HLRM to their context. The G20 and B20 have expressed support.

The Basel Institute on Governance and OECD offer assistance to governments seeking to implement a HLRM for high-value procurement projects. Its latest implementation was for the Bogotá Metro project in Colombia.

See the HLRM resource page on the B20 Collective Action Hub for the benefits, practical guidance and case studies in countries around the world.

https://baselgovernance.org/b20-collective-action-hub/hrlm

Integrity Pacts

Integrity Pacts are a flexible tool that can help make public procurement fairer, more transparent and less vulnerable to corruption.

An Integrity Pact is usually an agreement between a government procurement authority and bidding companies. Tailored to each tender and country, it commits all parties to refrain from bribery, corruption or collusion. An Integrity Pact typically involves an independent monitor and a clear process for reporting, resolving and sanctioning integrity issues.

The Integrity Pacts online resource on the B20 Collective Action Hub is designed for anyone intending to promote, design, implement, monitor or observe an Integrity Pact. It contains a database of Integrity Pacts around the world, several case studies and practical recommendations.

https://baselgovernance.org/b20-collective-action-hub/integrity-pacts

Local certification

Local certification programmes are an innovative way to alleviate anti-corruption due diligence for both SMEs and their multinational customers.

Local certification in this context means the assessment of a company's anti-corruption compliance standards according to a method devised through a Collective Action and developed within a local market.

The Basel Institute is working to support local certification initiatives with practical resources, analysis and a network of examples of successful initiatives in different markets. All information is freely available on the B20 Collective Action Hub.

https://baselgovernance.org/b20-collective-action-hub/certification

Human rights and anti-corruption compliance

Companies invest significant resources in anti-corruption compliance programmes, as well as in separate programmes to address compliance with human rights obligations. They may be overlooking potential synergies between these two areas.

The Basel Institute is using the Collective Action methodology to help companies benefit from compliance systems that address both human rights and corruption risks. Over 50 companies in multiple markets are involved in this project.

The B20 Collective Action Hub is constantly updated with new ideas and results.

https://baselgovernance.org/b20-collective-action-hub/human-rights